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Subject: For Review: Chemical Week re: chemicals regulation under new Admin

Good morning Richard,

EPA received a press inquiry from Chemical Week on the outlook for chemicals regulation under this Administration. The full inquiry is below, but the press office has asked ORD to write a basic answer for question #5. The question and a draft answer are below. The deadline is tomorrow at 9am.

Please let me know if you have any edits.

Thanks,

Maggie

Question #5:

What is administrator Pruitt's view of EPA's role in conducting research on the environment and threats?

Proposed answer:

Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

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+ Maggie

Good day, All, OCSPP + OPA will tackle most of these questions. We are opting out of an interview and providing written responses. Please let me know if you and your team can help with the questions below that have your office next to them.

Thanks,

Enesta

Reporter: Rebecca Coons

Outlet: Chemical Week

DDL: 9 a.m. on Tues., 12/5

Request: I have been assigned a feature story on the outlook for chemicals regulation under the Trump administration, and I was hoping you could set me up with an interview with someone who could speak to that topic? Namely, how the administration views EPA's scope of regulating the industry compared to the previous administration. I could send back text for review prior to print.

Questions 1-4: OCSPP and OPA will handle.

1. Can you discuss Pruitt's general views on EPA's scope and core mission and how it should operate?
2. How should EPA or the federal government manage, prevent, or protect against significant risks to human health and the environment in the absence of a specific congressional mandate?
3. Can you discuss LSCA implementation so far and whether or not it will be the sole focal point of EPA's oversight of chemicals in commerce? Do you believe that the IRIS program should be eradicated? What are your top priorities in rolling out LSCA?
4. Can you discuss the risk assessments and how you believe they should be implemented?
5. What is administrator Pruitt's view of EPA's role in conducting research on the environment and threats? **ORD**
6. What is the role of enforcement under Trump administration and how has it or how has it not changed? **OECA**
7. Can you discuss superfund program at all and whether or not the program will be expanded or curtailed under Trump? **OLEM**